

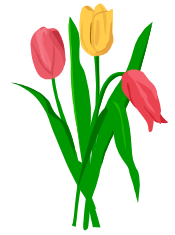


# Vendor Update

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### Enfamil Powder Can Size Change

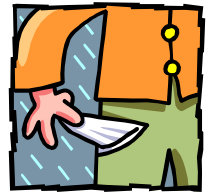
Effective March 1, 2002, Mead Johnson Nutritionals introduced new can sizes for Enfamil with iron, Prosobee, Lactofree, Enfamil AR and EnfaCare powdered formulas. Enfamil with iron, which had been available in a 16-ounce can, will now be packaged in a 14.3-ounce can. Prosobee, Lactofree, Enfamil AR, and EnfaCare, all of which were available in 14-ounce cans, will now be packaged in 14.3-ounce cans. The changes in can sizes, according to Mead Johnson will be completed by May 31. The Maryland WIC Program has made changes to WIC checks to permit WIC participants to purchase either size can during this transition period. **Two different can sizes may not be purchased on the same check.** Please contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258 if you have any questions.



Additionally, it should be noted that in the example above the free box of cereal would not have to be WIC-approved. Participants may also use Store Bonus Cards or Savings Club Cards with their WIC purchases. **However, giving cash back to a participant purchasing food items with WIC checks is not permitted.**

### Lost & Found

From time to time, WIC participants may leave their WIC identification folders (with or without checks) in your store. Please take time to contact the WIC local agency identified on the folder. The local agency will contact the WIC participant. **The WIC program does not replace lost or stolen checks;** therefore your help with this matter is appreciated. Participants are also counseled to carefully guard their folders and checks.



### Store Promotions

In-store promotions that give savings on additional products based on purchases made by the customer must be extended to WIC participants in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.54.03.15B(1)(g), which requires vendors to treat individuals redeeming WIC checks the same as other customers. Therefore, a promotion (for example) where the purchase of one box of cereal entitles the purchaser to an additional box of cereal is applicable to a WIC purchase. The free box of cereal offered in the promotion is not being charged to the WIC program and does not count in the ounces of cereal allowed by the check.



### Cashier Training

All vendors are encouraged to take advantage of cashier training provided by WIC to acquaint new store personnel with WIC procedures. To register cashiers for the training, complete the training registration form recently mailed to all vendors and either mail it to Ms. Frances McRae-Washington at the Office of the Maryland WIC Program, 201 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 or fax it to Ms. McRae-Washington at 410-333-5243. Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration is required for all attendees. Upcoming training dates are provided on page 2 of this newsletter. For additional information, please contact Ms. McRae-Washington at 410-767-5433.





## Cashier Training

April 8, 2002	Cecil County
April 29, 2002	Frederick County
May 6, 2002	Carroll County, Baltimore City
May 15, 2002	Dorchester County
May 16, 2002	P.G. County
May 21, 2002	Queen Anne's County
May 22, 2002	Wicomico County Baltimore County
May 24, 2002	Washington County
May 31, 2002	Charles County
June 5, 2002	Montgomery County Garrett County
June 11, 2002	Baltimore (Johns Hopkins WIC
June 17, 2002	Allegany County

## WIC WINS Update

WIC WINS, the Maryland WIC Program's new computer system, has successfully been introduced in Washington, Anne Arundel, Harford, Cecil, Carroll, Frederick, St. Mary's, Calvert, and Charles Counties. In April, WIC WINS is being implemented in, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Queen Anne's and Kent Counties. Statewide implementation of the new system is expected to be completed by late Summer 2002. If you have any questions, please contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258.



## WIC WINS Implementation Schedule

Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Queen Anne's & Kent Counties	April 1, 2002
Wicomico, Worcester, & Somerset Counties	April 15, 2002
Allegany and Garrett Counties	April 29, 2002
Baltimore County	May 13, 2002
John's Hopkin's Univ. Montgomery	June 10, 2002
Prince George's Baltimore City	July 29, 2002 August 26, 2002

(Note: The January 2002 Vendor Bulletin incorrectly listed the implementation year for Carroll, Frederick and Baltimore City as 2001 instead of 2002. We apologize for this error)

## Moving or Selling Your Store?

If you are moving or selling your store please notify the Maryland WIC Program at least 15 days in advance. **Selling your store does not transfer your WIC authorization!** The new owner must apply to the Maryland WIC Program for authorization. You are also required to return your WIC vendor stamps to the Maryland WIC Program. If you have questions, or plan to sell your store, or relocate, please contact JoAnn McGowen at 410-767-5251.



## Vendor Feedback

We want to make your participation in the WIC Program a rewarding experience. **WE NEED YOU!** Your input is valued and strongly encouraged. If you have suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258.



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